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Buffalo, Sept. 8, 1864.

My dear Gray:

I have seen Silliman's  
Journal, V. I must say it - <sup>am</sup> ~~am~~  
delighted - not so much by the  
compliment of a dedication of the poor  
little Scipio by you to name self, as  
by the kindly, graceful manner of your  
doing it. That is an honor which I  
feel proud of - whatever may be the  
fate of the species.

Learn and see you! That I will,  
but whether in October or November I  
cannot now say. There are very  
many things you can teach me in  
an hour, which, by correspondence  
or otherwise it would take me long  
to learn. And then I want to  
see you face to face.

I have no news of consequence.

Last week I spent a day with  
Paine, in visiting his swamps - &  
noble ones they are. He is an ordained  
minister of the Presbyterian denomination,  
and ~~has~~ been prevented, only by his  
health, from taking charge of a congre-  
gation; and he anticipates not being  
at Utica next season, and so wished,  
I thought, to show me some of his stations.

He is very amiable, but, like most  
young men, somewhat sensitive. I  
like him very, very much. His heart  
is, I think, in Botany, but he feels  
less probably, that he cannot - perhaps  
that he ought not - devote himself to  
natural science. I am very sure that  
he will carry his energy into his  
profession and prove a very useful  
man. By the bye, ~~and~~ at the  
present, he likes to be addressed  
simply as John A. Paine, Jr.

When I come, if <sup>I do</sup> not before, I will  
bring you a small lot of my rubbish.

Yours ever,

G. W. Christian.

Prof. Geo. Gray: